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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tom Munson, Senior Reclamation Hydrologist *RM*

RE: Site Inspection, Star, Stone Quarries, Inc., Torrey Project (AM 100& 101), S/055/016, Wayne County, Utah

Date of Inspection: March 17, 2003
Time of Inspection: 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Conditions: Cold and windy, but clear
Participants: Tom Munson, DOGM; Lon Thomas and Beverly Thomas, Star Stone, Inc.

Purpose of Inspection: To meet Mr. Thomas on-site and discuss the future of his mine site either as a Large Mine or determine if it can remain as a Small Mine.

Getting to the site: The site is located just outside and southeast of the town of Torrey

Observations:

When I arrived on-site, Mr. Thomas was waiting in his motor home with his wife, Beverly, and his son. We walked around the site to look at the disturbed mine areas and discuss future plans related to mining the site. It was concluded that it would not be practical to contain the site as a small mine site. Mr. Thomas stated that he has plans to expand and did not want to be restricted because of space. Therefore, it was agreed he would need to post a transitional surety for the existing site disturbance until a large mine permit could be submitted and approved. During a previous inspection on 9/20/2002, this site was measured with a GPS unit. It was determined that the acreage of the site was at approximately seven acres.

Mr. Thomas mentioned that one area of the site had been reclaimed. We visited this area and observed that due to the drought and the sparse vegetation in the area, mostly weeds have returned. It was concluded that this area would eventually be mined through, so it would need to be included in the total disturbance.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

Division Directive
It is appropriate to send Mr. Thomas a ~~Notice of Potential Noncompliance~~, a request for a Large Mine permit, and a transitional bond for the seven acres.

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